

# MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2 (C)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

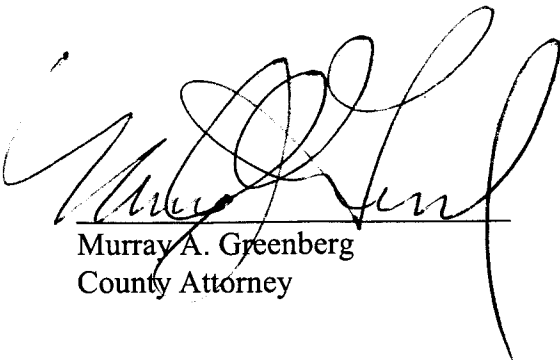
**DATE:** October 12, 2005

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution relating to  
providing financial relief  
to the Public Health Trust

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan.



Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

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# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**DATE:** October 18, 2005

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No.

10-18-05

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO  
DEVELOP A THREE-YEAR PLAN TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
RELIEF TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUST

**WHEREAS**, prior to 1991, Jackson Memorial Hospital had experienced severe financial difficulties and the County and the Public Health Trust sought relief for Jackson from the Florida Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 as a result of the efforts of the County and the Public Health Trust, the Florida Legislature passed the County Public Hospital Surtax codified at Section 212.055(5), Florida Statutes, which authorized the County to levy a 0.5 percent sales surtax pursuant to ordinance and upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of the County voting in a referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 1991, the County Commission passed Ordinance 91-64 codified at Article XII, Code of Miami-Dade County, which authorized the levy of the surtax as provided in Section 212.055(5); and

**WHEREAS**, at a Special Election held on September 3, 1991, the surtax was approved by a majority vote of the electors in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 212.055(5), the County is required to continue to contribute each year an amount equal to at least 80 percent of that percentage of the total County budget appropriated for the operation, administration and maintenance of Jackson Memorial Hospital from the County's general revenues in the fiscal ending September 30, 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, the required funding level is called and commonly known as the County's "Maintenance of Effort"; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has continued to contribute to the Trust the Maintenance of Effort as required by law, however, since the surtax took effect, the Public Health Trust has been mandated by the County to assume financial responsibility for \$71.2 million of programs or obligations formerly paid by the County ("Unfunded Mandates"); and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Unfunded Mandates, the rising costs of providing health-care services to the indigent, uninsured and under-insured, the expense to replace deteriorating systems and rising labor costs, the Public Health Trust is experiencing financial difficulties and needs financial assistance from the County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby directs the County Manager to develop a three-year plan to address the Public Health Trust's financial difficulties. The plan should consider and determine the feasibility of the County providing financial relief to the Public Health Trust from the Unfunded Mandates. Further, as required by Section 212.055(5), Florida Statutes, the County shall continue to contribute to the Public Health Trust the required Maintenance of Effort and the financial relief to be provided by the plan shall be in addition to the statutorily-required Maintenance of Effort.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan and was offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman  
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro  
Jose "Pepe" Diaz  
Sally A. Heyman  
Dorrin D. Rolle  
Katy Sorenson  
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler  
Carlos A. Gimenez  
Barbara J. Jordan  
Natacha Seijas  
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Eugene Shy, Jr.

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